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**Sent:** 11 August 2017 13:39  
**To:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Cc:** Scott T (Tavish), MSP  
**Subject:** RE: Correspondence from Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

Thanks [redacted] from Tavish Scott's office will be in touch to sort a time for Mr Russell to speak to Mr Scott.

**From:** [redacted] On Behalf Of [MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)  
**Sent:** 11 August 2017 11:15  
**To:** Rennie W (Willie), MSP <Willie.Rennie.msp@parliament.scot>  
**Cc:** Scott T (Tavish), MSP <[Tavish.Scott.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Tavish.Scott.msp@parliament.scot)>; [MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)  
**Subject:** Correspondence from Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

Dear Mr Rennie,

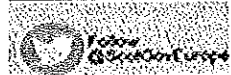
Please see the attached letter from Mr Russell suggesting a meeting to discuss the EU Withdrawal Bill and the Brexit Negotiation process sometime during W/C 28 August. I would be grateful if could let me know if you have any availability during that week.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

[redacted] Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe | [redacted]  
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Willie Rennie  
[Willie.Rennie.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Willie.Rennie.msp@parliament.scot)

11 August 2017

Dear Willie

## EU WITHDRAWAL BILL

As you will be aware I have been discussing the UK Government's proposed EU Withdrawal Bill with both the UK Government and the Welsh Government.

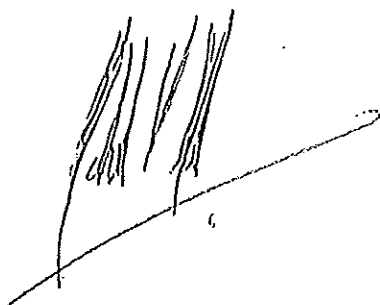
The First Ministers of Wales and Scotland issued a joint statement about the Bill when it was published three weeks ago and the two Governments remain unable to recommend legislative consent for the bill to their respective Parliaments unless substantial changes are made. There is as yet no indication that the UK Government will agree to such changes, though another meeting to discuss the matter will take place in September.

I would like the opportunity to brief you and/or your Brexit spokesperson on this issue and the timescale for the legislative consent process and to seek your views on the Brexit process as it has developed over the past couple of months.

If possible it would be good to have this private chat before Parliament resumes and I do hope you will be willing to meet with me at some stage in the week beginning 28th August.

I have asked my office to contact you to arrange a date and I look forward to seeing you then.

I have copied this letter to Tavish Scott, MSP.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MICHAEL RUSSELL', written over a horizontal line.

**MICHAEL RUSSELL**

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Sent:** 07 September 2017 15:24  
**To:** Scott T (Tavish), MSP  
**Cc:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Subject:** RE: UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

Dear Mr Scott,

As agreed at the meeting today - would 14:00 on 19<sup>th</sup> September work in your diary?

regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Sent:** 04 September 2017 14:51  
**To:** Scott T (Tavish), MSP  
**Cc:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

Good Afternoon

The meeting will be held in The Burns Room TG.40-CR1.

Many Thanks

[REDACTED] Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's  
Place in Europe | [REDACTED] | [MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)

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**From:** Scott T (Tavish), MSP [<mailto:Tavish.Scott.msp@parliament.scot>]  
**Sent:** 03 September 2017 07:51  
**To:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Cc:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

[REDACTED]  
Yes this is fine - will you please confirm the meeting and location on Thursday.  
Best wishes  
Tavish

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<[MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 1, 2017 12:21:22 PM  
**To:** Scott T (Tavish), MSP

Cc: MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot; [REDACTED]

Subject: UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

Dear Mr Scott,

Please see the attached letter from Mr Russell following yesterday's discussion. In relation to the cross party meeting, I've looked at the Minister's diary and propose a meeting in Parliament on Thursday 7 September from 14:30 – 15:30. Please let me know if this time is suitable.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

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1 September 2017

Dear Tavish,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me yesterday about the UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.

In seeking to take every possible step to avoid the damage likely to be done to devolution and the functioning of the Scottish and Welsh Parliaments by an un-amended EU Withdrawal Bill at Westminster, we agreed the importance of working collaboratively and transparently throughout this process. I also outlined to you the way in which the Scottish Government is working with the Welsh Government with the same aim in mind.

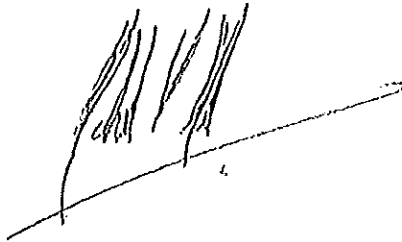
We discussed the option of establishing a small informal cross party group to share information and to help inform thinking and decision making. I had previously discussed this with Patrick Harvie, Ross Greer and Lewis MacDonald. I am pleased to say that we are all in agreement about moving forward in that way.

Can I, therefore, suggest an initial meeting next Thursday 7 September to consider the following:

- legislative timetable
- draft LCM
- amendments to the Bill as agreed with the Welsh Government
- how we might take this forward publicly

If you are happy with this, my office will be in touch to confirm the arrangements. I have also sent a similar email to Patrick Harvie and Lewis MacDonald.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MR', written over a horizontal line.

**MICHAEL RUSSELL**



[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Sent:** 11 September 2017 10:24  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Subject:** RE: European Union (Withdrawal) Bill meeting

Great thanks

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 September 2017 17:52  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** European Union (Withdrawal) Bill meeting

Hi [REDACTED]

Sorry for the late reply. 1400 on the 19th works for Tavish

Best,

[REDACTED]

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**To:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Subject:** RE: Tavish apologies for today

Hi [REDACTED]

I've passed this on - will let you know if he can

Thanks,

[REDACTED]  
Parliamentary Assistant to Tavish Scott MSP  
MG. 11  
Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
EH99 1SP

Email: [REDACTED]  
Tel: [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** 19 September 2017 09:53  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)  
**Subject:** RE: Tavish apologies for today

[REDACTED]

Does Tavish want to dial into the meeting?  
If so we can you send me the number to call him on?

regards

[REDACTED]  
Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 September 2017 09:33  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Tavish apologies for today

Hi [REDACTED]

Tavish has asked me to pass on his apologies for the meeting today. He is stuck in Inverness and won't be back to Parliament till tomorrow

Thanks,

[Redacted]

Parliamentary Assistant to Tavish Scott MSP  
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Email: [Redacted]  
Tel: [Redacted]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 September 2017 10:59  
**To:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Subject:** RE: Tavish apologies for today

Hi [REDACTED]

I haven't heard from Tavish yet but I suspect he won't be able to. I'll let you know if he gets back to me

Thanks

[REDACTED]  
Parliamentary Assistant to Tavish Scott MSP  
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Tel: [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** 19 September 2017 09:53  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)  
**Subject:** RE: Tavish apologies for today

[REDACTED]

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regards

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**Subject:** Tavish apologies for today

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Thanks,

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Parliamentary Asslstant to Tavish Scott MSP  
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I'll tentatively put it in his diary as he hasn't anything specific. I'll get back to you confirmation

Thanks

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED] On Behalf Of MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 19 September 2017 15:30  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Tavish apologies for today

Would 15:30 work?

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 September 2017 15:28  
**To:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Subject:** RE: Tavish apologies for today

Unfortunately he's in the Education & Skills Committee all morning. He might have some time in the afternoon, if that works?

Thanks

[REDACTED]  
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Sent: 19 September 2017 15:26  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)  
Subject: RE: Tavish apologies for today

[REDACTED]

Thanks for letting us know.  
Is Tavish available tomorrow at 11:30 for a quick catch up?

regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 19 September 2017 12:34  
To: Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
Subject: RE: Tavish apologies for today

Hi [REDACTED]

Just to say – Tavish won't be able to dial in today.

Again, his apologies

Thanks

[REDACTED]  
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To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)  
Subject: RE: Tavish apologies for today

[REDACTED]

Does Tavish want to dial into the meeting?

If so we can you send me the number to call him on?

regards

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Sent: 19 September 2017 09:33

To: [Redacted]

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Thanks,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 September 2017 12:57  
**To:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Subject:** RE: Tavish apologies for today

Kevin

I'm sure that's fine, will pass it on

Thanks

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**Sent:** 20 September 2017 12:55  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Tavish apologies for today

[REDACTED]

Sorry it would need to be in Mr Russell's office,

thanks

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**Subject:** RE: Tavish apologies for today

Hi [REDACTED]

Yes – can you come down to his office?

[REDACTED]

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Sent: 20 September 2017 12:51

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)

Subject: RE: Tavish apologies for today

[REDACTED]

Is Tavish able to meet today?

regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place In Europe

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 19 September 2017 16:22

To: Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

Subject: RE: Tavish apologies for today

Ok - moved to 16:30, again tentatively depending on Tavish getting back to me (he's been out of touch most of the day)

Apologies for this!

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Parliamentary Assistant to Tavish Scott MSP  
MG. 11  
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Email: [REDACTED]

Tel: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of [MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)

Sent: 19 September 2017 16:19

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)

Subject: RE: Tavish apologies for today

Sorry [REDACTED] can we make that 16:30?

thanks

[REDACTED]  
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Parliamentary Assistant to Tavish Scott MSP  
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Sent: 19 September 2017 15:26  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)  
Subject: RE: Tavish apologies for today

[REDACTED]

Thanks for letting us know.  
Is Tavish available tomorrow at 11:30 for a quick catch up?

regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 19 September 2017 12:34  
To: Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
Subject: RE: Tavish apologies for today

Hi [REDACTED]

Just to say – Tavish won't be able to dial in today.

Again, his apologies

Thanks

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Subject: RE: Tavish apologies for today

[REDACTED]

Does Tavish want to dial into the meeting?  
If so we can you send me the number to call him on?

regards

[REDACTED]  
Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 19 September 2017 09:33  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Tavish apologies for today

Hi [REDACTED]

Tavish has asked me to pass on his apologies for the meeting today. He is stuck in Inverness and won't be back to Parliament till tomorrow

Thanks,

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